GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF CHIKUNGUNYA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meeting of the Health Ministers of the States was held recently at New Delhi on the eradication of Chikungunya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate medicines are supplied to all States to meet any eventuality; and

(d) whether the situation is under control now?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a), & (b) Yes Sir. A meeting of the State Health Ministers of Chikungunya affected states was held on 11/10/06 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss the Chikungunya situation and remedial measures undertaken by the respective states.

All the states were advised to take prevention and control measures on war footing. The Government of India has released additional amount of Rs.2160.46 lakhs to the 11 Chikungunya affected states namely Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Poindicherry, Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for procurement of fogging machine, pyrethrum extract (2%), temephos, insecticide treated bed nets and carrying out awareness campaign.

States were advised to carry out intensive and focused awareness campaign using both electronic & print media.

Twelve Apex referral centres have been identified for diagnosis of Chikungunya as are given in the Annexure.

National Institute of Virology, Pune has been identified for supply of test kits for detection of Chikungunya fever.

(c) There is no specific medicine for treatment of Chikungunya. However, medicines for supportive treatment are made available by the respective State Governments.

(d) Yes, Sir.